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SUBJ: US-USSR ENVIRONMENT AGREEMENT: MARINE POLLUTION FROM
SHIPPING

REQUEST SCIENCE ATTACHE PERSONALLY CONTACT MR. V. KH. DUBCHAK,
CHIEF, TECHNICAL ADMINISTRATION, MINISTRY OF THE MERCHANT
MARINE, TO DISCUSS AND RESOLVE SEVERAL PROBLEMS WHICH HAVE
ARISEN AS A RESULT OF LETTERS CROSSING IN THE MAIL, DELAYS
IN DELIVERY, AND LACK OF CLEAR UNDERSTANDING OF SOVIET RESPONSES
TO US INQUIRIES. THE TANK TESTS OF THE HIGH SEAS OIL CONTAIN-
MENT AND RECOVERY EQUIPMENT HAVE BEEN DELAYED UNTIL MID-AUGUST
1974, WITH THE ACTUAL HIGH SEAS TESTS SCHEDULED FOR MID-
SEPTEMBER. DUBCHAK HAD EXPRESSED INTEREST IN THESE TESTS SO
IT SHOULD BE ASCERTAINED WHETHER HE IS WILLING TO DELAY VISIT
UNTIL THE TESTS ARE SCHEDULED OR IF THE FORTHCOMING VISIT SHOULD
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NOT BE CONTINGENT ON THE TESTS. DUBCHAK SHOULD ALSO BE ADVISED

THAT ADDITIONAL DELAY MAY BE ENCOUNTERED WHICH MAKES IT IM-
POSSIBLE TO BE MORE PRECISE ON TEST DATES AT THIS TIME.
TANK TESTS WILL BE HELD AT THE EPA LABORATORY, EDISON,
NEW JERSEY, AND HIGH SEAS TEST WILL BE HELD OFF MOOREHEAD CITY,
NORTH CAROLINA.

IF VISIT IS NOT TONTINGENT ON THE TESTS, IT IS NECESSARY TO
DETERMINE IF THE PROPOSED DATES OF 12 JULY - 27 JULY ARE
ACCEPTABLE TO DUBCHAK. THE PROGRAM FOR THE VISIT DURING THOSE
DATES WOULD BE DEVOID OF ANY TESTS BUT WOULD INCLUDE TOURS OF TANK
VESSELS, BALLAST WATER TREATMENT FACILITIES, OIL DISCHARGE CLEAN-
UP FACILITIES, AND A DEMONSTRATION OF AN AIRBORNE ELECTRONIC
OIL SPILL DETECTION SYSTEM. IF THE VISIT WERE TO BE DELAYED UNTIL
THE TESTS ARE SCHEDULED, THE PROGRAM WOULD BE DESIGNED
AROUND THE TESTS, BUT WOULD INCLUDE THE ITEMS PREVIOUSLY
MENTIONED. DUBCHAK STATED IN HIS LETTER OF APRIL, 1974, TO
CAPTAIN WALLACE THAT SOVDEL DOES NOT WISH TO VISIT SAN FRANCISCO.
IT IS BELIEVED THAT THIS MAY BE DUE TO TRAVEL COSTS. HE
SHOULD BE ADVISED THAT TRAVEL WITHIN THE U.S. EXPECTED TO BE ON
COAST GUARD AIRCRAFT AT COAST GUARD EXPENSE. THEREFORE, NO
ADDITIONAL TRAVEL COSTS WILL BE INCURRED BY SOVDEL BY VISITING
WEST COAST. US SIDE FEELS THAT ACTIVITIES ON THE WEST COAST
WOULD BE OF INTEREST TO SOVDEL AND BENEFICIAL TO THE GOALS OF
THIS WORKING GROUP. IF DUBCHAK IS STILL RELUCTANT THE PROGRAM
COULD BE RESCHEDULED FOR THE EAST COAST.

REQUEST THAT THE NAMES AND TITLES OF SOVDEL BE OBTAINED FROM
DUBCHAK.

SITUATION HERE REQUIRES EARLY RESPONSE TO PERMIT ARRANGEMENTS
FOR PRODUCTIVE SOVDEL VISIT. SISCO

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